# OLD ENGLAND.

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*Inde datæ leges* —— VIRG.

THE Quarrel, which ſometime ſince one of our Miniſters Northwards ſo *prudently* involved us in with the Court and People where he was Reſident, was very ill reliſhed by thoſe captious Spirits among us, who take upon themſelves to think freely, and weigh conſiderately the Event of Things; and notwithſtanding that our Miniſtry at home did as *prudently* approve of his Conduct, yet the Politicians on the Outſide of the Court, with all the *Indifferents* in the Kingdom, exclaimed againſt the ſcreening of a State-Delinquent in his Eſcape out of Priſon, as an Act reciprocally injurious to the Honor of both Nations, as well to our Country as that he was Reſident in; tho' the poor Criminal had been convicted of no more than juſt plotting againſt the State and People among whom he had been well received and encouraged, as it ſeems our Plotter was by Birth a Foreigner.

As I have touched upon this tender Point in a former Paper, I will not enter further into the Conſideration of it. But I could not forbear wiſhing, while our *Fiſhery* Bill hung ſo long ſuſpended, that ſome *Miniſter* as *prudent* had happily drawn us into a like Quarrel with our *good Friends and Allies* on t'other Side the Water; as I apprehended it might have forwarded the Bill into a public Law, as our *Northern* Zeal had occaſioned that for the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron from our *American* Plantations: For it is plain we owe to m******] Enmity, what the joint Intereſt and Intreaties of the Mother-Nation and her Children-Colonies could never obtain. 'Tis well known, there were very ſtrong and affecting Repreſentations made, about ſixteen Years ſince, to the Government, to countenance an Application to Parliament for ſuch a Law as is now happily paſt. But in thoſe Days of Puſillanimity and Corruption it was conſidered as an Affair that would diſoblige the *Northern* Ally of *France*, and therefore improper to be purſued, notwithſtanding the commercial Diſadvantages which *Great Britain* was under by ſupplying herſelf with Iron from the North of *Europe*, were uncontrovertedly made appear on our Side, and the public Emolument that would accrue to her from encouraging our own Plantations in the Iron Trade on the other: For whereas the *Swediſh* Markets receive none of our *Britiſh* Manufactures in Exchange of theirs, but drain us of our ready Specie, and thereby conſume the very Vitals of the Nation; our Brethren of *America* on the contrary will, for their Pig and Bar Iron, take the very ſame Commodity back again manufactured into Locks, Nails, Utenſils, and other various Implements neceſſary for their Accommodation; ſo that the Mother-Country has the Benefit of employing her own Hands for her Colonies in the very ſame Commodity they ſend her for the common Uſe of both. A ſerious Reflection on the Nature of this Trade, the ready Caſh we ſave and retain in the Nation by it, the vaſt Numbers of old *Britiſh*, and *American Britiſh*, Hands employed in the carrying it on, will give us ſome Idea, tho' we can hardly form an Eſtimate, of the Advantages the *Britiſh* Subjects may derive from this new Law, which muſt of Courſe ſtrengthen our Power and Government of one Side, and leſſen in proportion thoſe of our Enemies on the other.

Our induſtrious Brethren of *America*, who long labour'd under the Want of Utenſils and Implements of Iron, ſaw with Regret the vaſt Stores which Nature open'd to them for their Accommodation lie uſeleſs in the Bowels of the Earth; and, diſdaining the Preference their Mother-Country gave to a ſtrange Nation, in accepting at an extravagant Price from thence a Commodity with which their own Country ſo much abounded, invited *Smiths* of all Sorts to reſide among them. This enabling them to ſet up Iron-Manufactures of their own, they furniſhed themſelves with their own Utenſils and Implements; ſo that they had very little Occaſion for any from us of late Years. Notwithſtanding this, it is hoped that this new Law does not come too late, as the Encouragement we ſhall give them for their Pig and Bar Iron will employ their Hands more beneficially than in *Smiths'* Worth, which perhaps they may get cheaper from their Mother-Country; more eſpecially, as they will find it their Intereſt to deal with her in that way, in order to encourage the Importation of their firſt and more rude Eſſays in Iron among us.

I muſt congratulate with my Countrymen on the Occaſion that opened the Eyes of our too-long-blinded Superiors, to ſee the Intereſt of the Nation in this new Branch of Connexion between her and our *Weſt-Indian* Colonies, at the Expence of *Sweden*, which from a faſt Friend is, in the Courſe of various Revolutions, become our Enemy. As ſhe has long been in the Arms and Directions of *France*, heedleſs of her commercial Intereſt, ſhe could be no Friend to us: Beſides our wiſer Engagements with *Ruſſia* give us a more uſeful as well as a more formidable Ally upon the *Baltic*, which is ſtill more ſtrengthened by our intimate Connexion with *Denmark*; both natural Enemies to, and ever jealous of, the Power of *Sweden*, which muſt inevitably have fallen much ſooner, if we had not ſupported her, (even againſt thoſe very Powers we are now in Alliance with) during the Minority of *Charles* XII, who ungratefully deſerted us to gratify his immoderate Luſt of Conqueſt. This threw us of Courſe into the oppoſite Scale among the *Baltic* Powers, who are more naturally our Friends; as it is incumbent upon them to keep a watchful Eye upon *Sweden*, eſpecially as each of them is poſſeſſed of ſome part of her Provinces. Theſe the *Swedes* are ſo far from forgetting, that they appear to have them under Conſideration at this Juncture, meditating their Re-annexion with the antient Kingdom from which they were diſmembered.

Tho' the Alliances *Sweden* is in with at preſent, are not very natural to her, as *Pruſſia* is one of thoſe Powers which raviſhed her *German* Provinces, and ſtill withholds them from her; yet as it is impoſſible for her to enter into Engagements with any neighbouring Nation ſhe has not a Demand upon, I think ſhe could not in her preſent Circumſtance do better; for *France* is become an irreconcileable Enemy to *Ruſſia*, ever ſince ſhe balked the Meaſures concerted at *Verſailles* for enabling *Staniſlaus* to reſume the Throne of *Poland*. This is not a little heightened by the March of the *Ruſſian* Troops to the Borders of *Flanders* in the late War; which, if rightly managed, would (as I have often mentioned) have given us far other Bleſſings than we now derive from the *Definitive* Treaty of *Aix*. As the Power of *France* could not prevail in *Poland*, and can't now in *Courland*, while the Court of *Peterſburgh* gives Law on the *Baltic*, it is become in a manner incumbent upon her to enable *Sweden* to oppoſe the *Muſcovites* at all Events, and if poſſible drive them out of *Livonia*; for which Purpoſe ſhe has artfully inveigled the Houſe of *Brandenburgh* into the ſame Meaſures, by ſtirring up a jealous Apprehenſion of diſtant Danger to her Poſſeſſions on the *Baltic* Sea, from the riſing Power of the *Ruſſians*; which however is, I think, very unlikely to take Place; ſince it is notorious, ever ſince the Time of *Peter the Great*, that the Powers of *Germany* will never ſuffer *Ruſſia* to get the leaſt Footing on their Continent: So that the *Brandenburgians* ſeem to miſtake their Intereſt; for if they ſhould enable the Arms of *Sweden* to prevail in *Livonia*, they may probably ſee them ſoon afterwards re-eſtabliſhing themſelves in their old Poſſeſſions in *Pomerania*, where I apprehend they have an undoubted Right under the Treaty of *Munſter*. I ſhould therefore think that *Pruſſia* has very little to fear from the *Muſcovite* Side, and very much from that of *Sweden*, if ever ſhe becomes enabled to aſſert her Right.

As it is incumbent on us to maintain the Independency of, and a free Navigation in, the *Baltic*, *Ruſſia* becomes of Courſe our natural Ally, more eſpecially as our Commerce with her is conſiderable; and to keep *Sweden* in a State of Depreſſion, is our natural Intereſt, as ſhe is inevitably engaged in Alliance againſt it, of which I can foreſee no End; for now we ſeem to have given her our laſt Farewell, and that we ſhall probably never have further Occaſion of any Intercourſe in Trade of any Conſequence with her, we muſt expect to find her always adverſe to us in all her Meaſures, as it will be her Intereſt ſo to be as long as we are in Alliance with *Ruſſia*, and ſhe with *France*. Therefore, I conceive the Rectitude of our new Law for encouraging the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron, is obvious, and wiſely calculated for the Benefit of his Majeſty's Dominions in *Europe* and *America*.

There is no Doubt but *Sweden* may annoy us very ſenſibly, in caſe of a War with *France*, and be greatly aſſiſting to her with her Navy: But the counter Aſſiſtance of *Ruſſia* to attend her Motions and croſs her Purpoſes in our Favour, is as little to be doubted; nor is it eaſy in my Apprehenſion for a *Swediſh* Fleet to join the *French* upon their own Coaſt, as they can hardly eſcape a Fleet of Obſervation in the *Downs*; tho' probably the Reparation of *Dunkirk* may in a great Meaſure alter the Caſe, ſince there is no Doubt but that, under Colour of re-erecting the Fortifications on the Land-Side (fatal Conceſſion!) the old Canal will be revived, and the Mole and Baſon reſtored into their former Capacity, which will be ſufficient to contain the whole Navy of *France* and that of *Sweden* too. 'Tis therefore incumbent upon us to keep a ſteady Eye on the Works that are carried on at *Dunkirk*.

It may be probably ſaid, that a *Swediſh* Fleet may elude our Vigilance in the *Downs* and the *German* Sea, by ſailing North of *Scotland*, and ſo ſteal round the Weſt of *Ireland* into the *French* Seas. But this is hardly practicable before we are apprized of it from *Denmark*, and put in a Condition to intrrrupt them; nor will *France* dare go up the *Baltic* to meet them, as they may find it a difficult Matter to come back again, without hazarding a Battle with us. Theſe Conſiderations are of themſelves ſufficient to make

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us eaſy as to *Sweden*, without remembering that ſhe is not ſo much weakened by the *Ruſſian* Conqueſts in *Livonia* and *Finland*, as by the Loſs of her Auxiliary Dominions in *Germany*, which were her greateſt Strength, and from whence ſhe drew moſt of her Recruits, as being exceedingly well peopled; whereas *Sweden* herſelf is but thinly inhabited, and can very ill recruit her Armies; and to keep her in this low Condition, is both our Intereſt and Buſineſs.

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THE SCANDALIZADE. A Panegyri-Serio-Comi-Satiri-Dramatical Poem,

By PORCUPINUS PELAGIUS, Author of the *Cauſidicade*.

*Pictoribus atque Poetis*
*Quidlibet audendi ſemper fuit æqua Poteſtas.*
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## LONDON.

Wedneſday 7-Night his Majeſty in Council at St. James's having declared his Intention of going out of the Kingdom for a ſhort Time, was pleaſed to nominate the following Perſons to be Lords Juſtices for the Adminiſtration of the Government during his Majeſty's Abſence.

Thomas Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury.
Philip Lord Hardwick, Lord Chancellor.
Lionel Duke of Dorſet, Lord Preſident.
John Earl Gower, Lord Privy Seal.
Charles Duke of Marlborough, Lord Steward.
Charles Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain.
Charles Duke of Richmond, Maſter of the Horſe.
John Duke of Bedford, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.
Archibald Duke of Argyll.
Thomas Holles, Duke of Newcaſtle, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.
John Earl of Sandwich, Firſt Commiſſioner of the Admiralty.
William Earl of Harrington, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. And
Henry Pelham, Eſq; Firſt Commiſſioner of the Treaſury. And

On Monday Morning a little before Five o'Clock, his Majeſty ſet out from St. James's for Hanover attended by the Lord Delawar, and his Majeſty's Maſter of the Horſe for Hanover.

On Tueſday Morning his Majeſty embarked at Harwich and was ſoon out of Sight, ſo that there is no doubt but that his Majeſty is landed in Holland.

His Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle has put off the Time of his ſetting out for Hanover, 'till To-morrow.

The French Ambaſſador is gone to Newmarket, and not abroad, as mentioned in the Papers.

We are aſſured, that before the King ſet out for Hanover, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to ſend a Brilliant Diamond Ring, of a conſiderable Value, to the Earl of Hyndford, as a Mark of his Royal Favour to his Lordſhip.

We hear the Duke of Dorſet will be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the Reſignation of Lord Harrington, who is expected in Town ſoon.

A Court-Martial will be ſhortly held at Portſmouth, for the Trial of a Captain, and ſeveral other Officers of the Navy, on the Complaint of a Commander of a Squadron ſome Time ſince arrived.

On Wedneſday about 12 o'Clock a Duel was fought in Hyde-Park between a Lieutenant and Cornet, both of the ſame Regiment; in which the latter reſerved his Piſtol, but a Colonel who was preſent interpoſing, prevented the Affair being carried to Extremity.

By the Arrival of Admiral Boſcawen's Squadron, we have Advice, that a Duel was fought at the Cape of Good Hope, between the Captain of a Man of War and a Lieutenant of Marines, in which the latter was killed, and the former ſo dangerouſly wounded that he was obliged to be left behind.

Juſt before the ſaid Admiral left the Cape, the Centeau, one of the French Eaſt India Company's Ships, was caſt away, nigh that Place, but almoſt all the People were ſaved, and above 200 taken on board by the Admiral.

On Tueſday the Firſt and Third Lieutenants of a Man of War, lately arrived, were put into cloſe Cuſtody, on the Complaint of the Captain againſt them for mutinous Behaviour, &c.

We hear from India, that the French have made a new Nabob, who in return have made them a Preſent of ſeveral Towns, and a great Extent of Country; and that they have got Poſſeſſion of Fort St. Thomas.

There are on board one of the Ships that came from the Eaſt-Indies under Admiral Boſcawen 300 fine Turtle, not one leſs than 336 lb.

We hear that on Wedneſday next, the Council on both Sides will meet at Covent Garden Veſtry, and ſum up the whole Proceedings of the late Scrutiny, and after the ſame is done, the High Bailiff will in a few Days make the Declaration.——So that what has been mentioned of Lord Trentham being returned was a groſs Falſhood, publiſhed, as ſuppoſed, to injure the Character of a certain High Officer of Weſtminſter.

Sunday being the Birth Day of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, who then entered into the 30th Year of his Age his Majeſty received the Compliments of the Nobility, &c. at St. James's on that Occaſion.

We hear that ſome of the Apartments in Hampton-Court will be fitted up for the Reception of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, during the Summer Seaſon.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Sir John Evelyn, Bart. Wardel George Weſtby, Richard Chandler, Beaumont Hotham, Samuel Mead, Gwynn Vaughan, William Levinz, Edward Hooper, Eſqs. and Sir Miles Stapylton, Bart. to be his Majeſty's Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England.

His Majeſty having been pleaſed to appoint the Hon. Robert Sawyer Herbert, Eſq; to be Lieutenant of the County of Wilts, on Saturday laſt he took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Francis William Drake, Eſq; to be Governor and Commander in Chief of Newfoundland, and the Fort at Placentia. And

To appoint William Petticrew, Eſq; Conſul General of Tetuan in Morocco, in the room of William Latton, Eſq;

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Capt. Joſeph, Hall of his Royal Highneſs the Duke's late Regiment of Dragoons, to be Captain of a Troop in Lord Mark Ker's Regiment, in the room of Capt. John Gore, made Captain Lieutenant in the Third Regiment of Guards.

It is ſaid the Lord Viſc. Downe, of Ireland, will be elected Knight of the Shire for the County of York.

The Hon. William Monſon, Eſq; Uncle to the preſent Lord Monſon, will be elected for Boroughbridge.

The Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of London has preſented the Rev. Hugh Wynn, Cl. Doctor of Laws, to the Prebendary of Tottenhall, founded in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, in the room of the Rev. Dr. John Pelling, deceaſed.

Laſt Week the Rev. Mr. Richard King, M. A. was unanimouſly choſen to ſucceed the Rev. Mr. John Banſon, deceaſed, as Chaplain to the worſhipful Company of Clothworkers, and Preacher at Lamb's Chapel near Cripplegate, of which the Court of Aſſiſtants of the aforeſaid Company were made Patrons by Mr. Lamb's Will, who left that, and ſeveral other Charities to them, in 1574.

We hear that the Commiſſioners of Weſtminſter Bridge have taken Notice to all Perſons that have Places, with ſettled Salaries, belonging to the Bridge Office, that they ſhall have no farther Occaſion for their Service after Chriſtmas next; the Bridge being to be finiſhed by that Time.

We hear that for ſome Time paſt ſeveral Families have entered their Names at the Plantation Office, to ſettle in Nova Scotia; and the Number intended to go is almoſt complete.

We hear that a Scheme is drawn up for ſettling a Number of People in the Country adjoining to South Carolina, and for improving the Growth of Indico, by which great Profits will ariſe.

Laſt Thurſday Night the Lady of the late Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Bart. deceaſed, was ſafely delivered of a Son, at her Houſe in Downing-ſtreet.

On Sunday laſt died at her Lodgings in Brudenel Street, the Right Hon. the Lady Viſcounteſs Lymington, Daughter in Law to the Earl of Portſmouth, Relict of the late Lord Lymington, who died about four Months ſince; her Ladyſhip has left four Sons and one Daughter.

On Monday the five following Horſes ſtarted at Newmarket for the aged Purſe of Fifty Guineas, the beſt of three Heats, viz.

Earl of Portmore's White Noſe,
Mr. Greville's Sultan,
D. of Devonſhire's Collier,
E. Gower's Little-John,
Mr. Cozen's Mixbury;

When White-Noſe won the two laſt Heats. Mr. Greville's Sultan won the firſt Heat. The Odds were five and ſix to four on Little-John againſt the Field.

On Tueſday the four following Horſes ſtarted for the four-years-old Plate of Fifty Guineas, one Heat, and came in thus:

1 Mr. Martindale's Snip,
2 Mr. Prentice's Black Legs,
3 L. Weymouth's Cheſnut Horſe,
4 Mr. Panton's Drudge.

The Odds were ſix to four, and two to one, on Mr. Prentice's Black-Legs at ſtarting, againſt the Field; ſo that the very knowing ones were as much miſtaken as the Day before.

Monday the Right Hon. Sir Samuel Pennant, K[t] Lord Mayor, attended by 18 Aldermen, preceded by [the] Children of Bridewell and Chriſt's Hoſpital, the City [Ma]ſhall, Muſick and Officers, went in great State to St. [Bride's] Church in Fleetſtreet, where an excellent Sermon [was] preached by the Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Worceſter; [after] which they went in Proceſſion to Draper's Hall, in Th[readneedle] morton Street, where one of the greateſt Entertainm[ents] was provided as has been known for ſeveral Years [paſt]. End of which was a Ball, which did not break up [till] early this Morning. As the Right Hon. the Lord Ma[yor] is unmarried the Lady of Sir Robert Ladbroke received [the] Honours of Lady Mayoreſs for the Day.

We hear that by the Death of Robert Coke, Eſq; [late] ther to the Earl of Litchfield, 4000 l. per Ann. devo[lves] to Wenham Roberts, Eſq; his Nephew; and 'tis ſa[id] will change his Name by Act of Parliament to Coke.

Monday came Advice to the Eaſt India Company, [by] Admiral Boſcawen, with the following Men of War [under] his Command, viz. the Exeter, Capt. Pellerſon, the Sh[rews]neſs, Capt. Pawlett, the Harwich, and the York, all [for] Eaſt India, were arrrived the Day before at Portſm[outh]. They parted with the Dorrington, Capt. Crabb; the Ch[ar]terfield, Capt. Carter; and the Admiral Vernon, Ca[pt.] Cook in the Channel, on Wedneſday 7-Night, whoſe [ar]rival is Hourly expected. They left at St. Helen[a] Royal George, Capt. Field, homeward bound, who [was] to ſail in about three or four Days after them. The Mi[d]ford, Capt. Hanſlop, the Griffin, Capt. Dethick, [and] the Sandwich, late Capt. Petre, who is dead, now Ca[pt.] Barton, were arrived at Canton in China. There [were] about ten of the Company's Ships. The Auguſta, Ca[pt.] Parker, having loſt her Paſſage, was at Fort St. David's.

The Anſon and Kent Men of War will ſpeedily be [put] into Commiſſion.

We hear from Dublin, that the Norfolk Indiaman [lately] refitted, has ſailed on her intended Voyage, under Com[mand] of the Mercury Man of War.

From the ſame Place we learn, that Col. Lee's Regim[ent] will ſhortly embark for England, to be quartered in La[n]caſhire: And that Col. Laſcelles's and Torrington's Re[gi]ments are ordered one for Nova Scotia, and the other [to] Gibralter.

At the Aſſizes in Ireland, one John Mandaville was co[n]victed of having had carnal Knowlege of ſeveral Girls [un]der 12 Years of Age, and ſentenced to be executed; [and] is to be executed for Cow-ſtealing; and a Lunatic, [who] was tried and acquitted for Murder, was ordered [to be] confined in Bedlam.

On Tueſday Evening as one Mary Gardiner, a W[idow] man near 60 Years of Age, was croſſing Bridges-ſtreet, [ſhe] was run over by a Coach, which broke two of her [ribs] and bruiſed her in ſuch a terrible manner, that tho' ſhe [was] immediately carried to the Infirmary, and all poſſible Ca[re] taken of her, it is thought ſhe cannot recover.

By Letters from Trowbridge we learn, that they [have] ſent to deſire ſome Forces to be ſent thither to curb the [In]ſolence of the Clothiers, who have lately roſe there in [a] very tumultuous Manner.

Thurſday a Clerk in a public Office was convicted [before] Alderman Dickinſon, of ſwearing ſeveral prophane Oa[ths] and paid the Penalty.

Thurſday was committed to Newgate by Marſh Dick[in]ſon, Eſq; Alderman, Daniel Carrol and William Fow[ler] for knocking down and robbing Mr. George Adams of [his] Hat and Wig, and for divers other Street Robberies.

On Wedneſday a Fellow was detected in attempting [to] ſteal a Silver-hilted Sword from a Gentleman's Side [in] Fleetſtreet; for which the Populace took him down to the River, and ducked him very ſeverely, but at laſt, [be]inured to the Coldneſs of the Water, he took his Leave [of] his Perſecutors, and ſwam to the oppoſite Stairs.

On Tueſday Morning about 12 o'Clock a ſingle Hig[h]wayman attacked and robbed Mr. Payne of Biſhopſg[ate] ſtreet in a Chaiſe near the Gibbet on Finchley Common, who after taking his Money, told him he did not want [his] Watch. There were two Waggons within 40 Yards [at] the ſame Time, whom he commanded to ſtop till he [had] done; and then he rode off towards Coney. But

On Thurſday he (Walter Vaughan) was committed to Newgate, by Richard Haſſell, Eſq; for the ſaid Robbery.

Monday Andrew Carey and Robert Savage, were [com]mitted to Newgate by Juſtice Fielding, on the Oath of Richard Galdington, for aſſaulting him on the Highway and taken from him ſeven Guineas and one Shilling.

Monday Mary Robinſon, otherwiſe Taylor (who was convicted about three Years ago, for procuring a Perſon [by] the Name of Taylor, to take upon him the Name of H——l——d, with Intent to ſet up a fraudulent Marriage be[tween] herſelf and the aforeſaid Mr. H——ll——d,) was carried before the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, touching the conveying into the Jail of Newgate, ſundry Inſtruments of Diſguiſe, proper to facilitate the Eſcape of Priſoners. She was carried before his Lordſhip, diſguiſed in the ſame Man's Apparel in which ſhe gained her Admiſſion into Newgate. After a long Examination his Lordſh[ip]

committed her to Woodſtreet Compter, and ordered the Keeper that ſhe ſhould be continned in the ſame Dreſs until her Trial next Week, as her Appearance in that Dreſs ſends greatly to illuſtrate her Deſign.

Monday Morning Dennis Fox a Smuggler, who had been confined for two Years on a Debt due to the Crown, died in Newgate.

By authentic Advices received from ſome Ports in Italy, we are informed, that the Red Herring Markets are at a ſtand, and in Danger of being totally loſt, owing to the fallacious Package in England, there not being found above 100 good Fiſh in the Barrels that contain 3000, and the Good only packed at the Heads to cover the bad. If this be, as pretended, really Fact, the Villainy deſerves particular Puniſhment.

## COUNTRY NEWS.

*Goſport, April* 15. On Thurſday Evening we had a violent Storm of Wind and Rain accompanied with Thunder and Lightning, which continued for near half an Hour; the Thunder and Lightning was very bad in the Time; the Wind ſhifted at once from the North Eaſt to the South Weſt, but happily there was no damage done. Yeſterday the Hon. Sir Edward Hawke hoiſted the Blue Flag at the Foretop-Maſt Head of his Majeſty's Ship the Monarch in this Harbour.

*Worceſter, April* 12. We hear from Birmingham, that great Quantities of Counterfeit Halfpence having for ſome Time paſt been made and put off in and about that Town, a Reward of ten Pounds is promiſed to whoever will diſcover the Makers thereof; and, by way of Caution we think it neceſſary to take notice, that whoever diſpoſes of, or puts off, counterfeit Halfpence, knowing them to be ſo, incurs the ſame Penalty and Impriſonment as the Makers.

*Briſtol, April* 14. We are informed there has been a Riot at Bradford in Wiltſhire, among the lower Claſs of Woollen Manufacturers, and that ſeven of the Rioters had been committed to Priſon; that two of the ſeven had been reſcued, but on an Order given to a Party of Soldiers to fire they were delivered up.

Perryman and Roach, ordered for Execution at Taunton, are reprieved, thro' the Interceſſion of ſome Gentlemen.

The eighteen Perſons charged on Account of deſtroying the Briſtol Turnpikes, &c. came off as follows, viz.

*No Bill found.*—William Thayes, William Williams, and James Walch.

*Acquitted.*—William Denmead, Joſiah Gregory, Abel Walker, John Ridley, Samuel Curbin, Reece Davis, Iſaac Pales, Joſhua Sprudd, Jeremiah Ward, Abraham Roach, John Kieton, Robert Futton, George Thoar, John Ould, and William Davis.

*Cheltenham, April* 14. Laſt Night the Houſe of Dr. Tomlinſon, Phyſician of this Town, was broke open, and a large Quantity of Plate pack'd up, in order to be carried away, when the Rogue being diſturbed by the Doctor's Footman, made off out of Saſh Window. The Villain upon his being Firſt diſcovered, intended to have ſhot the Servant but his Piſtol only flaſhed in the Pan; upon which the other fired a Blunderbuſs, but the Rogue having got to the Chamber Door, ſhut it and made his Eſcape. The Footman followed him, but the Fellow was too nimble for him. Upon a farther Search being made in the Houſe, it was found that this very Servant's Box had been broke open, and twenty Guineas taken out of it.

## BANKRUPTS.

Thomas Hill, of Taunton St. Mary, in the County of Somerſet, Serge maker,

Francis Courtney, of Cheſter le Street, in the County of Durham, Innkeeper and Painter.

Henry Gauntlett, of the Poultry, London, Linnen-draper.

William Byron, of Liverpool in the County of Lancaſter, Ironmonger.

Thomaſine Williams, of the Borough of Truro, in the County of Cornwall, Widow Innholder, Victualler, Dealer and Chapwoman.

Hans Schutt, and William Kitteridge the Younger, of Broadſtreet, in the Pariſh of Stebbingheath in the County of Middleſex, Sugar Refiners and Partners.

Layton Smith, of Sunbury in the County of Middleſex Merchant, Dealer and Chapman.

## SCOTLAND.

*Edinburgh, April* 9. They write from Paiſley, that on Monday laſt Week an Officer of the Exciſe there having had Information of ſome Smuggled Goods paſſing that Way, came with two armed Aſſiſtance to Pollockſhaws, two Miles Weſtward of Glaſgow, were finding John Fulton of Auchinbathie with a Boy, unarmed, driving a ſingle Load of Spirits, he then ſhot Auchinbathie thro' the Heart, whereof he died in a few Minutes. The Officer, with his Aſſiſtance, carried the Spirits to Paiſley the Night following, and next Day, as ſoon as the Fact was diſcover'd he was upon the Warrant of the Sheriff of Renfrew committed to Priſon at Paiſley.

*Edinburgh, April* 10. Laſt Week Alexander Kinloch, Eſq; was married to Miſs Jenny Watſon, a beautiful young Lady.

We hear from Dundee, that about ten Days ago a Fire broke out there in a Timber Land at the Head of the Vaults, and entirely conſumed the ſame; whereby nine Families were burnt out, and one Perſon by a Fall fractured his Skull, and loſt his Life, as he was endeavouring to eſcape the Flames, which had taken hold upon him, and ſcorch'd him in ſeveral Parts of the Body.

*Glaſgow, April* 9. The Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr met here and after an excellent Sermon preached by Mr. Robert Baird, Miniſter of Dunlop, they made Choice of Mr. John Erſkine, Miniſter of Kirkintilloch, for Moderator; they had ſome Overtures before them for preventing clandeſtine Marriages, &c. which are referred to next Aſſembly.

## IRELAND.

*Dublin, April* 10. Sunday laſt five Men, and eleven Women were taken up, and committed to Priſon for being concerning in filing Guineas.

Wedneſday Evening one Byrn, a moſt norious Offender, was ſhot dead near the Old Bridge, and ſeveral others dangerouſly wounded, in a Riot between the Ormond and Liberty Boys.

On Thurſday ſeveral Perſons were dangerouſly wounded and one killed in an Engagement in Thames Street, and the Parts adjacent, between the Publick Rioters and ſome Soldiers. Theſe Diſturbances are become ſo frequent, and attended with ſuch Outrages, as renders it dangerous for People to walk the Streets on their lawful Buſineſs.——Since the above Diſturbances a party of Dragoons patrole the Streets from Five to Nine in the Evening, in order to prevent any Quarrels that may happen.

A Grant has paſſed the Great Seal, to incorporate the Dublin Society, by the Name of "The Dublin Society for promoting Huſbandry and other uſeful Arts in Ireland;" by which Charter they have Power to purchaſe Lands give Premiums, receive Benefactions, elect annually a Preſident, two Vice Preſidents, and other Officers, with ſeveral other Powers. We hear his Majeſty has granted 500 l. per Annum to the ſaid Society.

*Dublin, April* 10. His Majeſty's Letters Patent have paſſed the Great Seal, appointing Mr. Edward Scriven, Tranſcriptor and foreign Appoſer of the Court of Exchequer in this Kingdom.

The Boys and Girls in the different Charter-Schools of this Kingdom go on with great Induſtry, by dreſſing of Gardens, making of Drains, levelling of old Ditches, draining of Vegetables and Trees, digging Turf, pulling, ripling and ſketching of Flax, and knitting of Stockings. The Girls now ſpin good Linnen for Shirts, Shifts, Sheeting, Tables, Napkins, &c. they pick and ſpin Wool fit for coarſe Goods, and Stockings fit for their own Wear, and make and mend Linnen and Cloaths very well.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

### ITALY.

*Rome, March* 14. O.S. Laſt Week a Foreigner of Diſtinction arrived here, and immediately waited on the Chevalier de St. George, with ſome News of his Son Edward, concerning whom the Chevalier, had been very uneaſy, as he had not heard of him for ſome Months. But all that is publiſhed of this Matter is, that the young Chevalier, who cannot content himſelf with Inaction, to oppoſite to his Character and Diſpoſition, has taken a Reſolution of viſiting incog. the principal States of Europe, and that his laſt Journey was on the Side of the North.


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